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# President of india presents national energy conservation awards on the national energy conservation day

**Behavioural change is crucial for bringing energy efficiency: president droupadi murmu** (Gns).

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the National Energy Conservation Awards 2025 and National Painting Competition on Energy Conservation prizes in New Delhi today (December 14, 2025) on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that energy conservation is the most environmentally friendly and reliable source of energy. Energy conservation is not just an option, but the most crucial need of today. She underlined that saving energy doesn't simply mean using less, but rather utilising energy wisely, responsibly, and efficiently. She said that when we avoid unnecessary use of electrical appliances, adopt energy-efficient devices, utilise natural light and ventilation in our homes and workplaces, or embrace solar and renewable energy options, we not only save energy but also reduce carbon emissions. Energy conservation is also important for maintaining clean air and safe water

sources, and a balanced ecosystem. She stated that every unit of energy we save will be a symbol of our responsibility towards nature and our sensitivity towards future generations. The President emphasised that if the youth and children are aware about energy conservation and make efforts in this direction, then the goals in this area can be achieved and the sustainable development of the country can be ensured. The President said that access to affordable and clean energy empowers communities. It stimulates the local economy and creates new growth opportunities. Therefore, green energy is not limited to electricity generation; it is a powerful means of empowerment and inclusive development. The President was happy to note that the initiatives, such as Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and the National Green Hydrogen Mission, are reducing dependence on fossil fuels. The government is also promoting renewable energy adoption and energy efficiency through the Renewable Consumption Obligation and Production Linked Incentive schemes. She noted that India's energy efficiency efforts in 2023-24 resulted in energy savings of 53.60 million tonnes of oil equivalent. She said that these efforts are leading to significant economic savings annually and have also resulted in a substantial reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. "Lifestyle for Environment – LiFE." She appreciated all stakeholders working in the field of energy conservation and said that their contribution will ensure a healthy and bright future for the coming generations. She expressed confidence that with the spirit of collective responsibility, partnership, and public participation, India will continue to play a leading role in energy conservation and achieve its goals towards a green future.

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## PM Modi condemns ghastly terrorist attack at Sydney's Bondi Beach

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday strongly condemned the "ghastly terrorist attack" that targeted people celebrating the Jewish festival of Hanukkah at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia.

"Strongly condemn the ghastly terrorist attack carried out today at Bondi Beach, Australia, targeting people celebrating the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. On behalf of the people of India, I extend my sincere condolences to the families who lost their loved ones," Modi wrote on X.

The Prime Minister said that India stands in solidarity with the people of Australia, reiterating the country's stance of zero tolerance towards terrorism. "We stand in solidarity

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terrorism and supports the fight against all forms and manifestations of terrorism," Modi added.

At least 12 people were



with the people of Australia in this hour of grief. India has zero tolerance towards

killed and 29 others injured after two gunmen opened fire on people celebrating

the Jewish festival of Hanukkah at Bondi Beach.

One gunman was neutralised, while the other was taken into custody by the police. NSW Police Commissioner Mal Lanyon designated the shooting incident as a terrorist attack.

Reacting to the incident, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said he was "appalled" by the shooting, calling it the result of an "anti-Semitic rampage."

"I'm appalled by the murderous shooting attack at a Hanukkah event in Sydney, Australia. These are the results of the anti-Semitic rampage on the streets of Australia over the past two

## Shashi Tharoor Hails BJP's Win in Thiruvananthapuram as 'Beauty of Democracy'

(Gns).

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Saturday responded to the Kerala local body election results by calling them a reaffirmation of democratic values, even as his own constituency of Thiruvananthapuram delivered a landmark outcome for the BJP.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor responded to the Kerala local body election results, acknowledging the United Democratic Front's strong showing and the BJP's breakthrough in Thiruvananthapuram, where the BJP emerged as the single-largest party with 50 wards, while the UDF led in 7,869 wards and the

CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front trailed with 6,505 wards.

Tharoor praised the overall mandate, welcomed the United Democratic Front's strong showing across the state, and acknowledged the significance of the BJP's breakthrough in the state capital.

Tharoor Calls Results a Celebration of Democracy

Reacting to the results on X, formerly Twitter, Tharoor said the verdict reflected the vibrancy of Kerala's democratic spirit and sent a clear political message ahead of the next Assembly elections.

"What a day of amazing results in the Kerala local self-government elections!



The mandate is clear, and the democratic spirit of the state shines through," Tharoor wrote.

He credited the

Congress-led UDF's performance to sustained organisational effort, a strong campaign narrative and prevailing anti-incumbency sentiment, noting that the alliance had improved significantly compared to the 2020 local body polls.

UDF Gains Momentum Across Kerala

While Thiruvananthapuram grabbed headlines, Tharoor highlighted the broader statewide picture, where the UDF emerged ahead in the overall tally. According to trends, the UDF was leading in 7,869 wards across Kerala, signalling renewed confidence in the alliance.

## Who Is Pankaj Chaudhary? Know Pankaj Chaudhary's Net Worth, Background

Uttar Pradesh is set to see a change in party leadership, with reports suggesting a new UP BJP President will be named soon. Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary is viewed as the main contender. The name is widely discussed within the party, yet an official announcement from the central leadership has not been made.

Preparations around the possible change in the UP BJP President post are already visible in Lucknow. The city has been decorated for the key organisational meeting. All MLAs and MPs have reached the state capital. Senior leaders including Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, national secretary Vinod Tawde and organisation general secretary B.L. Santosh are also expected to be present.

Pankaj Chaudhary is a major figure in Purvanchal politics and is considered close to the top leadership. Chaudhary represents the Maharajganj Lok Sabha seat near Gorakhpur and has won this constituency seven times. Chaudhary's public life started at the municipal level as a councillor. Later, Chaudhary became deputy mayor of Gorakhpur, which strengthened grass-roots connections.

Chaudhary entered Parliament for the first time in 1991, marking a key turning point. Since then, Chaudhary has remained active in both organisation and government roles. Chaudhary has built a reputation as a leader who understands local issues in eastern Uttar Pradesh. This mix of electoral experience and organisational reach is seen as

the main reason behind Chaudhary's strong chances for the UP BJP President post.

UP BJP President: ministerial role and ties with Narendra Modi Since 2021, Pankaj Chaudhary has served as Minister of State for Finance in the Narendra Modi government. This role places Chaudhary at the centre of several policy discussions on economy and revenue. Within political circles, Chaudhary is viewed as having a direct working relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and this association is often seen as an advantage inside the party structure.



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Editorial

Trade Walls

Mexico's sweeping decision to impose tariffs of up to 50 per cent on more than 1,400 imported products is more than a routine policy recalibration. It is a marker of a world in which middle powers, squeezed by geopolitical pressure and domestic demands, are redrawing their own lines of economic self-preservation. For India, which appears on the list of affected countries, the move deserves close attention ~ not for its immediate commercial implications, but for what it reveals about the shifting architecture of global trade.

Mexico's government has framed the tariffs as a push to bolster domestic industry. That argument is hardly new; protectionism often arrives cloaked in the language of national revival. Yet context matters. Mexico is taking these steps while locked in tense negotiations with Washington, which itself has revived steep import taxes against the country. The pressure is multidirectional. The United States remains Mexico's largest market and its most forceful critic, accusing it of everything from insufficient border enforcement to violating an 80-year-old water treaty.

Simultaneously, China has become a growing presence in Mexico's manufacturing landscape, prompting American suspicion that Beijing may be using Mexican soil to slip past US tariff barriers. Mexico's tariffs, therefore, are as much about reclaiming strategic space as they are about nurturing local production. By applying high duties to countries with which it lacks free trade agreements, including India, Thailand, Indonesia and China, Mexico is signalling that it is unwilling to become a conduit in the broader tariff standoff between Washington and Beijing. This is defensive economic statecraft: if Mexico is to be squeezed by the world's two largest economies, it will raise some walls of its own. For India, the episode underscores three realities. First, global trade is now governed less by rules than by retaliation. Even countries with long records of openness are reaching for tariff tools as a language of negotiation.

Second, the global South is no longer a passive observer. Mexico is exercising agency, even if its actions irritate trading partners. And third, any country seeking to expand exports must prepare for sudden policy swings abroad ~ because domestic political cycles in far-off capitals can now reshape market access overnight. But the longer view is more sobering. They hint at a world splintering into tariff-protected zones. The optimism of globalisation ~ where supply chains linked continents and trade agreements created predictable pathways ~ has been replaced by a scramble for buffers, leverage, and bargaining chips. No country is insulated from this reordering. Mexico's decision is a reminder that trade policy is no longer a technical matter left to negotiators; it is frontline geopolitics. As tariff walls rise from Beijing to Washington and now Mexico City, the quiet assumption that markets would remain open by default can no longer be taken for granted.

A Minimalistic life

(Gns).

In spite of the unapologetic embrace of the motto "more is more" by Gen Z, growing up mostly online, happiness has remained elusive to many of this generation across the globe. Consequently, what is getting thin is their well-cherished faith of finding peace, bliss and assertive self-expression in astronomical salary, luxury cars, new gadgets, and all-pervasive opulence. Many of this generation discover at the end of the day that they are not happy despite working 70 to 80 hours a week. And the endless pursuit of more stuff is found to bring them more debt, anxiety, fear, stress, loneliness, guilt, paranoia and depression. It becomes a solipsistic experience.

What is worse, they discover that they have no control of their time and thus of their lives. And then, as their lives spiral downwards towards an empty oblivion, they inadvertently discover minimalism which appears like a beacon in the dark sea. The renewed discovery of a mode of simple living where people find genuine happiness, passion and freedom has found favour with a great number of people, including millennials, around the globe. People fed up with more seek happiness in less. They want to live a life which is filled with passion and freedom, a life in which they can grow as individuals and contribute beyond themselves.

They realize that growth and contribution are the bedrocks of happiness, not goods. The rampaging pandemic and consequent lockdown a few years ago put all of us into a 'new normal' mode of life. During that grim period, even the greatest spendthrifts among us began to learn or at least show interest in the benefits of minimalism to keep safe and secure in an alarming atmosphere of disease, death, deprivation, and helplessness. The pandemic made us think of how life was centuries ago, in a cave with a partner and not much more. Many of us began to feel that our "cave-man" mentality was dominating our consumerist selves.

Superfluities, unnecessary attachments and associations took a backseat. Instead of indulging in a mad rush for grabbing offers of a sumptuous lunch or dinner at an expensive hotel or restaurant, we got satisfied with minus-frills recipes at home that were, however, made more hygienically, saving us from possible hazards of eating junk foods outside. Post-pandemic, many old habits have crept back in our lives, yet there are also traces of new normals that have lingered both in our personal and domestic spheres as well as in public domains.

The "waste not, want not" philosophy that has deep religious and cultural roots has been steadily attracting people of our times as they realize that the most important thing is not consumption but rather to live a life of well-being. In Japan, this philosophy is linked to the cultural concept of "mottainai" which originated from Shinto and Zen Buddhism and which reflects a sense of regret over waste. Gaining quick popularity is another age-old anti-waste and anti-hoarding philosophy, the concept of "Aparigraha" in Yoga, which advocates living a life of simplicity, sharing resources and spiritual growth over the accumulation of material goods.

People also find precious lessons in "Manusmriti" and Theravada Buddhism both of which dis-

courage excessive accumulation, both material and spiritual, promoting a focus on detachment and a balanced approach to resources and achievements. In the context of personal possessions within a home, the rising trend is moving away from simple condemnation or forced cleanouts towards recognizing hoarding as a complex mental health condition called 'Hoarding Disorder'. It is now seen not merely as a lifestyle choice, but as a disorder associated with significant distress, social isolation and health or safety risks.

Hence, more people are practising minimalism to cultivate contentment, inner peace and freedom from the stress of accumulating more. Hale Aydin, founder of "The Turkish Way is Minimalism" movement says: "It doesn't matter how many shoes we have now, we're only using one pair to go to the supermarket." Her words clearly highlight the minimalist motto: "Less is more." This philosophy is also championed by Joshua Becker, the author of the book "The More of Less: Finding the Life You Want Under Everything You Own". Becker feels that "minimalism is the intentional pro-

motion of the things we most value and the removal of anything that distracts us from it." Nomadic minimalism that is fast getting popular among urban people worldwide is a lifestyle that combines travelling and moving with a minimalist approach, prioritizing experiences over possessions.

This involves owning very few things which makes travel easier and more flexible. The philosophy extends beyond physical belongings to include a focus on experiences, mental clarity and reducing one's environmental impact. But the allure or pull of minimalistic living is not restricted to people of any age or any clime. If the American Joshua Becker has a website for promoting minimalist living, the passion for living with less is attracting people of all fields of life in all countries and is reshaping lifestyles. The messages conveyed or propagated by the best minimalistic blogs of the time like "Minimalissimo", "Slow Your Home", "Style Bee", and "Minimalist Baker" echo the philosophy of ancient sages and saints, thinkers and religious preachers who advised people (and also practised it themselves) that we should reduce everything in our lives, especially our possessions, to only the things we really love and need.

The ancient Greek philosopher Diogenes (born around 400 B.C.) famously lived inside a ceramic pot. He saw poverty as a virtue and chose his lifestyle as a way of criticising the values of a corrupt and confused society. Ever since the industrial revolution, the rise of the middle classes in developed countries has led to excess consumption. This has left many of us with too many belongings to manage ~ making life more complicated, tiring and stressful.

Redrawing India's cinematic future

The AI Film Festival and CinemAI Hackathon weren't just footnotes; they were provocations. They asked what happens when storytelling and machine intelligence collide, not to replace human creativity, but to expand its vocabulary. For young creators, this wasn't theoretical. It was an invitation to reimagine the act of filmmaking itself.

And with the launch of the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) in Mumbai, that reimagination now has an institutional anchor. India isn't just nurturing its film-makers, it's training its future disruptors. What emerged most clearly was a deeper ideological shift. For the first time, perhaps, IFFI felt less like a mirror reflecting global cinema trends and more like a prism refracting Indian ones. Fifty films by women directors weren't programmed as a special category, they were the main event. Accessibility wasn't an afterthought, it was embedded, from Indian Sign Language interpreters to divyang-friendly measures across the festival.

The spirit of Vasudhaiva

Kutumbakam was not simply echoed in speeches, it was visible in the warmth with which filmmakers from Estonia and Iran, Slovenia and Nigeria, were embraced, engaged, and elevated. There was also something poetic about how the programming honoured the century legacies of visionaries like Guru Dutt, Raj Khosla, and Ritwik Ghatak, even as it introduced new voices whose names we may be hearing for the next hundred years. IFFI didn't just screen films, it held space for memory. In a world racing to the next scroll, the next trend, the next dopamine hit, this festival dared to slow down. It invited us to linger. To sit still inside a story.

To breathe with a character, to ache for an ending, to remember. That in itself felt radical. In a time when content is consumed faster than it's made, here was a place that asked nothing of us but attention, and gave back emotion in return. Every frame was a pause. Every applause, a collective exhale. And in the quiet between the lights and the language, something else

became clear: IFFI 2025 did not just position India on the global cinema map; it changed how the world orientated itself towards Indian storytelling. Not as a moment of curiosity or a cultural detour, but as a destination. For decades, partnerships with India were often transactional or tinted with exoticism. We were the location, the backdrop, the colour palette.

But now, those frames are shifting. India is stepping in not just as a collaborator, but as a co-creator, someone who has equal skin in the game, equal imagination, equal ownership. And the magic of this shift isn't confined to glossy studios or scripted boardrooms. It's happening in writing rooms in Bhopal and editing suites in Trivandrum, in the minds of students in Pune and storytellers in Shillong. Something sacred is moving. And it's moving forward. The hunger, raw, restless, radiant, was visible on the faces of young CMOT creators pitching their stories to global producers. It echoed in the applause for Bandish Bandits Season 2 winning Best OTT Series, a homegrown show that made classical music mainstream again.

And it was perhaps most visible in the silence that followed the screening of A Useful Ghost, the haunting Thai film that closed the festival. As the credits rolled, the room stayed quiet. Not because it was unsure how to react, but because it knew it had just witnessed something unforgettable. That's what

challenges the nation's pluralist and democratic ethos. By questioning established historical narratives, particularly those surrounding the 1971 Liberation War, they have sought to erode public faith in moderate politics, targeting both the moral and ideological foundations of the country. At the same time, the Awami League, which dominated Bangladesh politics for decades, is reeling from its loss of credibility. Its leadership in exile and its inability to reckon fully with public discontent have rendered it largely irrelevant in the current political contest. The resultant vacuum is not merely a question of party rivalry; it is a struggle over the very centre of Bangladeshi politics ~ a space that has historically

represented liberal, democratic, and progressive voices. The political uncertainty is compounded by new parties attempting to

aggressively. Floating voters, especially those wary of Islamist influence but sceptical of entrenched party structures, remain unconvinced. Without the visible leadership of its exiled chairman, the BNP risks failing to convert latent support into decisive electoral gains. The implications extend beyond Bangladesh's borders. A shift in the ideological centre towards Islamist dominance could have consequences for regional stability, cross-border cooperation, and the political environment for minority communities. Conversely, a successful recalibration by the BNP, coupled with a credible electoral process, could reinforce pluralism, and consolidate democratic norms. Bangladesh stands at a crossroads. Leadership presence, narrative control, and the ability to project ideological credibility will determine whether the country's fragile centre holds or succumbs to polarising forces. The coming months will not merely decide who governs; they will shape the nation's democratic trajectory and societal cohesion for years to come.

Odisha raises stakes with a bold pharma thrust

Odisha is preparing to host the Odisha Pharma Summit 2025, a landmark event that could redefine the state's industrial trajectory. Positioned as a gateway for pharmaceuticals and MedTech, the conclave is more than just a showcase ~ it is a statement of intent. With ambitious targets of 2.5 lakh jobs, large-scale investments, and a roadmap to integrate Odisha into India's pharmaceutical growth story, the state is stepping onto the national stage with confidence.

India already contributes nearly 20 per cent of global generic drug exports, with a domestic industry valued at over \$50 billion. Odisha's entry into this sector is both strategic and symbolic, aligning with the Prime Minister's

Purvodaya vision of industrial resurgence in eastern India. The question, however, is whether this summit will deliver tangible outcomes or risk becoming another high-profile event with limited impact. Odisha's ambitions are not without precedent.

Other states have successfully leveraged regional strengths to attract investment: Telangana transformed Hyderabad into India's pharma capital by building dedicated pharma parks and ensuring regulatory ease. Gujarat invested heavily in logistics and testing infrastructure, making Ahmedabad a trusted hub for generics. Maharashtra positioned Pune as a biotech and MedTech cluster, supported by strong academic industry linkages. Tamil Nadu

promoted Coimbatore as a textile and engineering hub, showing how regional branding can drive investor confidence. Odisha now seeks to emulate these successes by tailoring its investment narrative to the strengths of its own regions. Odisha's regional investment story has several facets.

Coastal Odisha: With ports like Paradip and Dhamra, the coastal belt is primed for logistics, shipping, and export-oriented pharma manufacturing. Its proximity to global trade routes makes it ideal for bulk drug exports and cold-chain infrastructure.

South Odisha: Rich in biodiversity and tribal heritage, this region can be promoted for eco-friendly pharma research, herbal medicine, and agro-based

MedTech industries. North Odisha: Mineral-rich districts such as Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj offer opportunities for chemical intermediates and downstream manufacturing, complementing pharma supply chains. Central Odisha: Bhubaneswar, already a knowledge capital, can anchor R&D, IT-enabled pharma services, and clinical trials, supported by institutions like AIIMS and IIT Bhubaneswar.

Western Odisha: With its agrarian base, this region is ripe for food processing, nutraceuticals, and renewable energy-linked pharma ventures, ensuring inclusive growth. By promoting each region's unique strengths, Odisha can present investors with a mosaic of opportunities.



## Vice-President Interacts with Civil Services Officer Trainees at Vice-President's Enclave

**Vice-President Emphasises Patience, Dharma and Accountability in Public Service**  
**Vice-President Highlights Role of UPSC and Training Institutions in Nation Building**  
**Patience and Listening are Core to Humane Governance: Vice-President**  
**Sardar Patel's Integration of Princely States an Unmatched Global Achievement: Vice-President**  
**Loud Voices May Trend, But Meaningful Debate Builds Lasting Public Trust: Vice-President**

(Gns).  
The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today interacted with Officer Trainees from the Indian Police Service (IPS) and the Indian Forest Service (IFoS) at the Vice-President's Enclave, New Delhi. The officers are undergoing the Special

Foundation Course at the Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA). Recalling Sardar

marked by immense linguistic and cultural diversity. He said that this extraordinary achievement went well



Vallabhbbhai Patel, the "Iron Man of India," the Vice-President highlighted his pivotal role in the integration of the princely states and the establishment of the All India Services. He observed that while Otto von Bismarck united Germany, where people largely shared a common language, Sardar Patel undertook the far more complex task of uniting a nation

beyond comparable efforts elsewhere in the world.

The Vice-President appreciated the role of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in selecting capable officers, as well as training institutes such as HIPA in imparting the necessary orientation for public service. As the nation marches towards Viksit Bharat @2047, he urged the

officers to discharge their duties in the spirit of the Bhagavad Gita. He advised them to focus on their karma and to always stand by dharma.

Emphasising responsible and accountable action in public service, the Vice-President called for the timely disposal of files and cases. He stressed the effective use of technology to improve efficiency and service delivery.

During the interaction, the Vice-President spoke about the importance of patience in public life. He recalled parliamentarians such as Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri N. G. Ranga, Shri N. G. Gore and noted that their enduring public following stemmed from the quality of debates they were part of.

## Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Unveils 25-Foot Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Athani, Karnataka

**Belagavi resonates with the immortal saga of valour, self-respect and indomitable courage: Shri Scindia**

(Gns).  
Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, on Sunday unveiled a majestic 25-foot statue of the Maratha icon Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Athani, Belagavi district of Karnataka. Describing the occasion as historic, the Minister said that this was not merely the unveiling of a statue, but a solemn resolve to carry forward the spirit of India's self-respect, courage and the consciousness of Hindavi Swaraj to future generations.

Shri Scindia remarked that the clarion call of "Jai Bhavani, Jai Shivaji" continues to ignite fearlessness, a

sense of national duty and pride in every Indian even today.

The programme was graced by the presence of Manjunath Bharati Swamiji, Sambhaji Bhide Guruji, Karnataka Ministers Santosh Lad and Satish Jarkiholi, former Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka Laxman Savadi, Kolhapur MP Shrimant Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, former Karnataka Minister Shrimant B. Patil, PGR Sindh and other distinguished leaders.

In his address, the Union Minister recalled the life and struggles of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, stating that at the young age of just 15, Shivaji Maharaj had taken the pledge of Hindavi Swaraj. Through unmatched courage, strategic brilliance and far-sighted leadership, he defeated

invaders and safeguarded India's self-respect.

Union Minister Shri



Scindia highlighted that the land of Belagavi and Athani has been a witness to the valour of Shivaji Maharaj. During his campaigns in South India, this region held immense strategic importance, ensuring the security of routes connecting the Deccan, Konkan and Goa. He said that the unveiling of

Shivaji Maharaj's statue on this very soil is a proud moment that bridges history, tradition and the present.

"Today, on the land of Belagavi, the immortal saga of valour, self-respect and boundless courage has come alive," he said.

Modern India Marches Ahead Inspired by Shivaji Maharaj: Shri Scindia

The Union Minister further stated that as India moves forward on the path of self-pride and cultural renaissance, the character and ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have become even more relevant. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the vision of a Viksit Bharat, self-reliance and national duty taking shape across the country is deeply rooted in the very ideology of Shivaji Maharaj.

## Shri Sanjay Kumar inaugurates Microforest at PM SHRI Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gautam Buddh Nagar

(Gns).  
Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, inaugurated a microforest comprising of Fruit Orchard and Pollinator Park developed under Special Campaign 5.0 at PM SHRI Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, on 14th December, 2025.

This initiative has transformed over 3,200 sq. metres of barren land into a vibrant ecological learning space under the aegis of Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE. The event was attended by Shri Rajesh Lakhani, Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS); Dr. Amarpreet Duggal, Joint Secretary, DoSEL; Shri Gyanendra Kumar, Joint

Commissioner, NVS; Smt. Vandana Tummalapalli, Head of Govt. and Public land acquisition, Say Trees; Ms Moneetha, Knowledge

happy, mentally sound and well-rounded individuals by extending learning beyond textbooks to real-world experiences, as envisioned



Head, Say Trees; senior officials of the Ministry; students; teachers; and staff members.

In his address, Shri Sanjay Kumar emphasised that the true value of education lies in nurturing

in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He noted that joyful, inclusive and nature-connected learning environments help foster human values, meaningful relationships and independent thinking

among students.

Highlighting the vision of NEP 2020 on environmental sensitisation and experiential learning, he added that Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE, now operational in over 9.23 lakh schools, are promoting hands-on learning through activities aligned with the seven themes of Mission LiFE. Urging educators to integrate learning with nature, he emphasised the need to foster environmental consciousness among school students.

He further called upon NVS to develop clean, green and well-maintained campuses across the country where Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE can thrive, contributing to student well-being and responsible citizenship.

## CAQM Flying Squads inspect 136 Road Stretches maintained by DDA across Delhi; Highlight Evident Gaps in the upkeep of the Concerned Stretches

**Commission emphasizes need for DDA to Intensify Consistent and Timely Dust Mitigation Interventions, based on Inspection Findings**

(Gns).  
The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) deployed 19 teams for road-inspection drive on 12.12.2025. A total of 136 road stretches within the jurisdiction of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) were inspected across Delhi. It was done as part of the Commission's continuous monitoring and enforcement efforts under the statutory framework and provisions of the extant GRAP in force.

This focused exercise aimed to assess accumulation of visible dust, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction

and Demolition (C&D) waste on roads, along with cases involving open burning of MSW/ biomass, across the said road stretches. The deployed teams included Officers

from CAQM Flying Squads and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). Geo-tagged, time-stamped photographs were collected and submitted to the Commission as part of the consolidated inspection report. As per the final compiled data, 15 road stretches

exhibited high visible dust levels, 38 showed moderate dust, 61 recorded low dust intensity and 22 stretches were found to have no visible dust. Road stretches with accumulation of MSW and C&D

waste were reported to be 55 and 53 respectively. 6 stretches were reported to have evidence of MSW/ Biomass burning.

The above stated observations clearly indicate evident gaps and recurring negligence in the upkeep of the concerned stretches. It brought to the fore a need for DDA to enhance its operational efficiency and take prompt corrective measures through consistent and timely dust mitigation interventions. The agency also needs to deliver improved compliance across all road stretches for MSW/ Biomass burning, it was highlighted.

The Commission observed that these kind of incidents impact particulate

matter levels in Delhi and emphasized the need for strengthened on-ground action, including regular mechanical sweeping, timely disposal of collected dust, maintenance of road shoulders and central verges in addition to deployment of water-sprinkling/ dust-suppression systems and focused action(s) for prevention of open burning cases across all stretches maintained by DDA.

The Commission reiterated that such targeted inspection exercises under 'Operation Clean Air' will continue to ensure strict adherence to its Statutory Directions for dust control, interventions for open burning of MSW/ Biomass, with the objective of keeping road stretches across Delhi clean, free from dust and open burning.



## Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews preparations for culmination of 'Saansad Khel Mahotsav' in his Lok Sabha constituency; PM to address mega event virtually on December 25

**Sansad Khel Mahotsav culmination to be coordinated by respective MLAs and MPs**  
**Virtual coordination meeting held to finalise nationwide 'Saansad Khel Mahotsav' culmination on December 25**

(Gns).  
NEW DELHI, December 14: Union Minister of State in the PMO, Dr. Jitendra Singh today held a virtual meeting with Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency to review preparations for the culmination of the Sansad Khel Mahotsav, scheduled on 25 December 2025.

The meeting focused on seamless coordination across districts and Assembly segments to ensure the successful conduct of the concluding event, which will be

addressed virtually by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Dr. Jitendra Singh stated that the culmination event on December 25 will be organised simultaneously across Assembly segments, with active involvement of District Administrations, MLAs and MPs, and will mark the successful conclusion of the Sansad Khel Mahotsav

that commenced on 25 August 2025. He underlined that the programme has been conceived as a pan-India, large-scale initiative, aimed at celebrating grassroots sporting talent while reinforcing the vision of a fit, healthy, and sports-oriented India under the Fit India Movement.

The Minister emphasised that all districts must remain fully prepared for multiple execution models, including district-level and constituency-level participation, depending on final directions. He directed officials to identify suitable venues with assured connectivity and adequate infrastructure, keeping in view the virtual address by the Prime Minister.



Highlighting the long-term vision of the Sansad Khel Mahotsav, Dr. Jitendra

Singh said that the initiative is not limited to a single event but is designed to build a sustainable sports ecosystem across the country. He directed that the details of winners at Panchayat, Block, District, and higher levels be uploaded on designated portals in a timely manner, so that promising athletes can be identified, supported, and provided opportunities for advanced training, exposure, and future participation at higher competitive platforms.

The Minister also pointed out that the culmination on December 25 coincides with Good Governance Day (Sushasan Diwas) and the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, offering an opportunity to integrate themes of governance, youth empowerment.

## Massive Push for Modernisation: Indian Railways Manufactures 42,600+ LHB Coaches in 11 Years

**LHB Coaches Enable Safer, Smoother and More Efficient Rail Travel**

**Indian Railways Strengthens 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' by Enhancing Indigenous Production**

(Gns).  
Indian Railways has registered steady progress in the production of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches, which are designed to provide improved safety, enhanced riding comfort and better operational performance for passengers.

During the current financial year 2025-26 (up to November 2025), a total of more than 4,224 LHB coaches have been manufactured. This represents an 18% increase over the 3,590 coaches produced

during the same period of the previous year. The rise in output reflects the continuous strengthening of manufacturing capacity and improved production planning across Railway Units.

In terms of factory-wise performance during this period, Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai has produced 1,659 LHB coaches, followed by Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli with 1,234 coaches and Rail Coach Factory(RCF), Kapurthala with 1,331 coaches, collectively contributing to the overall growth in LHB coach production.

A long-term comparison highlights the remarkable progress achieved in



recent years. Between 2014 and 2025, Indian Railways produced more than 42,600 LHB coaches, an 18 fold increase over the 2,300 coaches manufactured between 2004 and 2014. This expansion

underscores the sustained focus on modernising passenger rolling stock through wider adoption of LHB coaches, known for their superior safety standards and lower maintenance requirements.

Indian Railways continues to contribute significantly to the goals of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiative by enhancing domestic manufacturing capabilities and reducing dependence on imports. The organisation is focused on further augmenting its production strength to meet the growing mobility requirements of the country while providing safer, smoother and more comfortable travel experiences for passengers.

## Sarbananda Sonowal Visits Namrup to Review Prep for PM Narendra Modi's Fertiliser Project Launch

**"PM Modiji's Namrup Fertiliser Push Signals New Industrial Phase for Assam:" Sarbananda Sonowal**

(Gns).  
New Delhi, 14 December, 2025 — The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) Sarbananda Sonowal visited the Namrup fertiliser complex in Dibrugarh district today, to review on-ground preparations ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit on Dec. 21, when he will lay the foundation stone for the fourth fertiliser plant at Namrup.

The new brownfield ammonia-urea complex will be set up at the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertiliser Corporation Limited (BVFCL) with an invest-

ment exceeding ₹10,000 crore. The project is widely seen as a landmark step toward strengthening Assam's industrial base

Minister's programme. Sonowal also reviewed the progress of preliminary works and coordinated with officials to ensure that all

plant at Namrup had been demanded for decades. The Union Minister said the Prime Minister's decision to take up the project reflects the Centre's commitment to the Northeast and to strengthening India's agricultural and industrial ecosystem.

"Under the visionary and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a decades-old demand of the people of Assam has finally been fulfilled. The fourth fertiliser plant at Namrup reflects the Prime Minister's deep commitment to the Northeast and his resolve to strengthen India's agricultural and industrial self-reliance," Sarbananda Sonowal said following his review visit of the venue.



and improving fertiliser availability across the Northeast and eastern India.

During the site visit, Sonowal assessed logistical arrangements, security preparedness and overall readiness for the Prime

preparations for the foundation-laying ceremony are completed smoothly and on time.

"This project represents the fulfilment of a long-standing aspiration of the people of Assam," Sonowal said, noting that the fourth

## NESTS Organises 2-Day Principals' Conclave to Strengthen Leadership and Governance in Eklavya Model Residential Schools

**Capacity-Building Programme to Orient EMRS Principals on NEP-Aligned Reforms, Flagship Initiatives and Best Practices**

(Gns).  
The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) is organising a two-day Principals' Conclave on 16-17 December 2025 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), New Delhi, as a major capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening the academic, administrative, financial and leadership capabilities of Principals of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country.

The conclave will bring together 499 Principals of EMRSs, reflecting NESTS' continued focus on empowering school leadership in

view of the rapid expansion of EMRSs and the growing complexity of school management. The programme is designed to equip Principals with updated

conclave is to orient Principals on the ongoing projects, flagship initiatives and partner-supported programmes being implemented in EMRSs. The objective



knowledge, procedural clarity and leadership competencies aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) and the strategic priorities of NESTS.

The central theme of the

implementation at the grassroots level. The conclave also seeks to address the observed gaps in awareness among Principals regarding several academic, digital, cultural, health and capacity-building initiatives undertaken by NESTS in collaboration with national institutions and expert organisations.

The deliberations will cover a wide range of academic and student-centric themes, including academic reforms, CBSE's two-examination system, lesson planning, classroom processes, strategies for improving student learning outcomes, mental health and emotional well-being, TALASH, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Kaushalya, language proficiency.



# Police encounter with miscreants, one injured, two absconding

Mathura. In the early hours of Sunday, there was an encounter with the police with miscreants who were stealing electric wires on Bajna Cut Yamuna Expressway Service Road. In the retaliatory action of the police, one criminal got injured by bullet, while his two accomplices escaped taking advantage of the dense fog and darkness. SP Dehat Suresh Chand Rawat said that at around 5.30 am on Sunday morning, information was received from the informer that some miscreants were planning to commit theft of electric wires in the police station area. Under the

leadership of Police Station Head Sonu Singh, police and Rewardee team along



with in-charge Savage Chaudhary reached the spot. Police cordoned off Bajna Cut Service Road. During this time the miscreants were loading electrical wires into a vehicle. As

soon as the miscreants saw the police, they started firing at the police with the

leg, due to which he got injured and fell down. Police arrested him from the spot and sent him to CHC Naujheel for first aid. Police have recovered an illegal pistol, two live cartridges and a shell, a vehicle, electrical wire cutting tools, ropes, gloves and 14 bundles of electrical wires from the possession of the accused. The field unit reached the spot and was busy collecting evidence. According to the police, information about the criminal history of the arrested accused is being obtained. The police is raiding in search of two absconding criminals.

## - Programs were organized at Baldev, Govardhan and Nandgaon health centers in three blocks of Mathura including Farah

Mathura. A two-day awareness and nutritious food distribution program was organized by the District Tuberculosis Department in collaboration with Mandona Rural Development Foundation at Community Health Center Farah. Under the program, nutritious items were distributed to a total of 563 treated tuberculosis patients of Farah, Govardhan, Baldev and Barsana areas.

Chief Medical Officer DrWhile addressing the patients, Radha Vallabh said that all tuberculosis patients should take medicines on time and make nutritious diet a part of their daily routine, only then complete treatment is possible. Medical Superintendent of Community Health Center

Farah, DrRamveer Singh said that for a healthy life, along with a healthy body, a healthy mind is also necessary.



563 people got nutritious food

District PPM Coordinator Alok Tiwari said that identified tuberculosis patients from three blocks of Mathura district - Farah, Govardhan, Baldev and Community Health Center Barsana have been adopt-

ed by Mandona Rural Development Foundation. Director of the organization, Laxmikant Gaur said that the objective of the founda-

becomes a 'TB Champion' who inspires other patients. During the program, patients were motivated to maintain cleanliness, take

their family members checked and spread awareness in the society by sharing their experiences. The officials appealed to financially capable individuals, institutions and groups to adopt a tuberculosis patient and contribute to his nutrition, medication and mental support. If symptoms appear, get tested and checkup immediately.

Satyaveer, Anoop, Rajesh, Pushpendra, Deepak, Manjeet, Pankaj Yadav, Dushyant, Nischal Diwaker, Shiv Kumar, Tejveer, Mukesh Kumar, Sanjay Sharma, Prem Kumar etc. were present in the program.

# CI Amritsar busts int'l drug supply module, 4 arrested with 4 kg heroin, cash and weapons

(Gns). Amid the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state, as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Amritsar has busted a drug supply module linked to foreign-based smugglers with the arrest of four operatives. The police have recovered 4 kg of heroin, Rs 3.90 lakh in drug money, and one .32 bore pistol along with a magazine and five live cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. Those arrested have been identified as Yuvraj Singh, a resident of Roriwal in Amritsar; Varinder Singh, a resident of Dhaul Kalan in

Amritsar; Jagroop Singh, a resident of Sangna in Amritsar; and Jugraj Singh, a resident of Sarkaria Enclave in Amritsar. The police team has also impounded their black-coloured Hero Splendor motorcycle and white-coloured Honda Activa, which were being used to deliver the consignments.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that police teams from CI Amritsar had received reliable inputs that associates—Yuvraj Singh and Varinder Singh—of foreign-based handler Lakhwinder Singh alias Baba Lakha had retrieved a heroin consignment from the Ajnala sector and were expected

to deliver it to suspect Jagroop Singh near Gurdwara Morcha Sahib in



Amritsar. Acting swiftly, police teams laid a trap and arrested the three accused after recovering the drug consignment and the pistol from their possession, he said.

He further said that during questioning, the

accused Jagroop Singh revealed that he had been working at the directions of Daya Singh alias Preet Sekhon, who is presently lodged in Central Jail at Sri Muktsar Sahib. The latter had directed him to receive the heroin consignment near Gurdwara Morcha Sahib.

The DGP said that during further questioning, the arrested accused Yuvraj Singh and Varinder Singh revealed the involvement of another associate, identified as Jugraj Singh, who was also apprehended in Amritsar city. An amount of Rs 3.90 lakh in drug money was recovered from his possession. Further investigations are ongoing, he added.

The US Central Command confirms the names of the three Americans killed will be withheld for at least 24 hours, so families can be informed. Trump says the three injured US soldiers are "doing well". Syria's state news agency reports two Syrian service members are hurt during the same ambush near Palmyra.

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth issues a sharp warning, saying: "Let it be known, if you target Americans - anywhere in the world you will spend the rest of your brief, anxious life knowing the United States will hunt you, find you, and ruthlessly kill you." Syria's Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani posts on X that the country condemns the attack and sends condolences to affected families.



gation. According to the US Central Command, the shooter is "engaged and killed" at the scene. In a post on X, the command says the incident is "the result of an ambush by a lone ISIS gunman". Officials confirm the attack remains under investigation, with more details expected after field reports. Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell says the US personnel are in Palmyra to support local partners and

intelligence suggests the assault is "likely" to have been carried out by the Islamic State group.

Islamic State threat, US troops in Syria and global response

The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reports the attacker is linked to the Syrian security force. No organisation claims responsibility so far, and the gunman's name is not released. A Pentagon official later states: "This attack took place in an area

# India's Rail Electrification drive nears completion

(Gns). Indian Railways is close to completing the electrification of almost its entire broad-gauge network, with more than 99 per cent already electrified and the remaining stretches expected to finish soon. This transition has reduced diesel consumption, cut emissions, lowered operational costs and improved the efficiency and speed of train operations.

While several advanced economies still depend heavily on diesel traction due to cost or structural limitations, India has moved forward with clear planning and consistent execution.

Between 2019 and 2025,

Indian Railways electrified over 33,000 route kilome-

scale and seriousness with which India has expanded



tres, working at an average speed of more than 15 route kilometres every single day. The total distance electrified during this period alone is almost equal to the entire railway network of Germany, showing the

clean and efficient rail traction.

India's broad gauge rail network is nearly fully electrified, with 99.2 per cent coverage across 25 States and Union Territories.

India's achievement

stands out even when compared with countries that have long-established railway systems. India has managed to electrify nearly its entire broad-gauge system despite operating one of the world's largest and busiest rail networks.

As the final stretches are completed, the country is set to operate one of the world's largest fully electrified railway systems, supporting Indian Railways' goal of becoming a net-zero carbon emitter and offering cleaner, faster and more reliable mobility to millions of passengers every day, according to a ministry statement on Sunday.

# Bihar leaders hail Nitin Nabin's appointment as BJP National Working President

(Gns). Following the appointment of Bihar Minister of Road Construction Nitin Nabin as the BJP's National Working President on Sunday, party workers celebrated at the state office in Patna. Party leaders and workers congratulated each other, burst firecrackers, and danced to the beats of drums and traditional instruments.

Bihar BJP President and Industry Minister Dr Dilip Jaiswal said that Bihar has received the gift of the NDA's massive victory in the Assembly elections. He said that, for the first time, a leader from the Bihar state unit has been appointed as National Working President, which is a matter of pride for the state.

"Nitin Nabin is a diligent, resilient, and hardworking leader, and the party has rewarded him by entrusting

him with such a major responsibility," Dr Jaiswal said.

MLA for the fifth time and is working with us in the Cabinet as an energetic



He expressed confidence that Nitin Nabin would take the organisation to new heights at the national level by infusing new energy among party workers.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said it was a matter of great pride that a resident of Bihar has been appointed as the BJP's National Working President. "He has been elected

colleague. He is a dedicated and disciplined politician. I hope that with this new responsibility, the BJP will gain further strength," the Chief Minister said.

Congratulating Nitin Nabin, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary said, "Your organisational experience and efficiency will infuse new energy into the party and strengthen the workers."

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha also expressed confidence that the decision would strengthen the organisation not only in Bihar but across the country.

"Your rich organisational experience and efficiency will certainly provide new energy to the party and further strengthen the confidence and resolve of the workers," he added.

Congratulating Nitin Nabin, Bihar JD(U) President Umesh Singh Kushwaha said that the young BJP leader has discharged his responsibilities as a minister in the Bihar government and as a legislator of his constituency with great dedication and efficiency. He expressed confidence that he will continue to discharge his duties in the party with the same dedication.

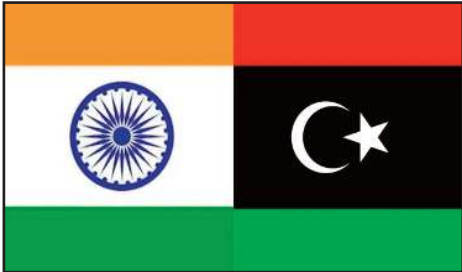
# Gujarat Family Kidnapped In Libya Linked To Portugal Route

(Gns). An Indian couple from Gujarat and their three-year-old daughter are alleged to be held hostage in Libya, with kidnappers demanding ₹2 crore from relatives in India. Officials said the family was seized while attempting to reach Portugal through Libya using an overseas agent for their journey.

Authorities in Gujarat said relatives in Mehana approached local officials after receiving ransom calls from the abductors. Mehana Collector SK Prajapati said that the state government and the Ministry of External Affairs have been informed about the kidnapping, and information from the family is being gathered.

An Indian family from Gujarat, including Kismatsinh Chavda, his wife Heenaben, and their three-year-old daughter Devanshi, were allegedly kidnapped in Libya while en route to Portugal, with kidnappers demanding ₹2 crore. The family, assisted by a Portugal-based agent, started their journey on

November 29th from Ahmedabad to Dubai and then to Benghazi, Libya, where the abduction occurred; authorities, including Mehana Collector SK Prajapati, have informed the state government and the



Ministry of External Affairs.

Officials confirm details of kidnapping in Libya involving Gujarat family

Mehana Superintendent of Police Himanshu Solanki identified the kidnapped family as Kismatsinh Chavda, spouse Heenaben, and daughter Devanshi, aged three. The family belongs to Badalpura village in Mehana district. The couple's age has not been shared, but officials confirmed that the three were travelling together when they were taken.

According to Solanki, the family was on the way to Portugal, where Kismatsinh's brother lives, when the kidnapping in Libya took place. Relatives in Mehana later received calls from unidentified persons, who claimed responsibility and allegedly demanded ₹2 crore for the safe release of the three family members.

Route to Portugal and agent link in kidnapping in Libya case

The journey started on 29 November, when the family boarded a flight from Ahmedabad to Dubai. From Dubai, they travelled onward to Benghazi in Libya. Officials said the kidnapping reportedly happened in or around Benghazi before they could move to their next transit point towards Europe.

The family intended to settle in Portugal and did not travel independently, police said. They were assisted by an agent based in Portugal, who arranged the route via Libya. Solanki

clarified that the agent handling their travel is not Indian and operates from Portugal.

PTI quoted Solanki as saying, "Chavda's brother is settled in Portugal, and he was travelling with the help of an agent based in Portugal. The family was travelling with the intention to settle there, and the agents involved in the case are not Indians," highlighting the overseas link in the kidnapping in Libya episode.

After the abduction, relatives contacted Mehana Collector SK Prajapati on 13 December, seeking official intervention. Prajapati then alerted higher authorities. Police said coordination is on with state officials and central agencies, while the Ministry of External Affairs has been updated about the kidnapping in Libya and the ransom demand.

The key travel details provided by officials are given below.

Person	Relation
Origin	Route Taken
Kismatsinh Chavda	
Husband	Badalpura, Mehana
Ahmedabad → Dubai → Benghazi (Libya)	
Heenaben	Wife
Badalpura, Mehana	
Ahmedabad → Dubai → Benghazi (Libya)	
Devanshi	Daughter, 3 years
Badalpura, Mehana	
Ahmedabad → Dubai → Benghazi (Libya)	

This kidnapping in Libya comes months after another case involving Indians abroad. In July, Ranjit Singh from Ramban district in Jammu and Kashmir was kidnapped in Niger's Dosso region by unidentified gunmen while working at a construction site. Two other Indians were allegedly killed during that attack.

Niger's local media then reported that unknown attackers struck an Army unit protecting a construction site around 130 kilometres from capital Niamey.

# BJP's democratic and disciplined structure astonishes the world: Piyush Goyal

(Gns). Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the world's largest political organisation, and the global community is astonished by its disciplined and democratic functioning.

He noted that the party's structured membership process and the election of its national president through consensus and coordination are unparalleled.

Mr Goyal was speaking at the official announcement programme of the newly elected Uttar Pradesh BJP State President and National

Council members during the BJP's Sangathan Parv, held at Ram Manohar Lohia Law University, Ashiana, on Sunday.

Highlighting the scale of the organisational exercise, Goyal said that elections are conducted across 1.62 lakh booths, and the unanimous nature of the final announcements reflects the dedication, discipline, and unity of party workers.

He said, "The party's steady growth, rooted in the vision of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and guided today by Prime



Minister Narendra Modi and National President JP Nadda, has continuously strengthened the organisation. This strength is evident from the massive gathering at today's event."

On the occasion of Sangathan Parv, he expressed happiness in announcing Pankaj Chaudhary as the unanimously elected State President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Uttar Pradesh. He also announced the names of the newly elected National Council members, referring to several prominent leaders among the total 120 members, and extended his best wishes to all those elected.